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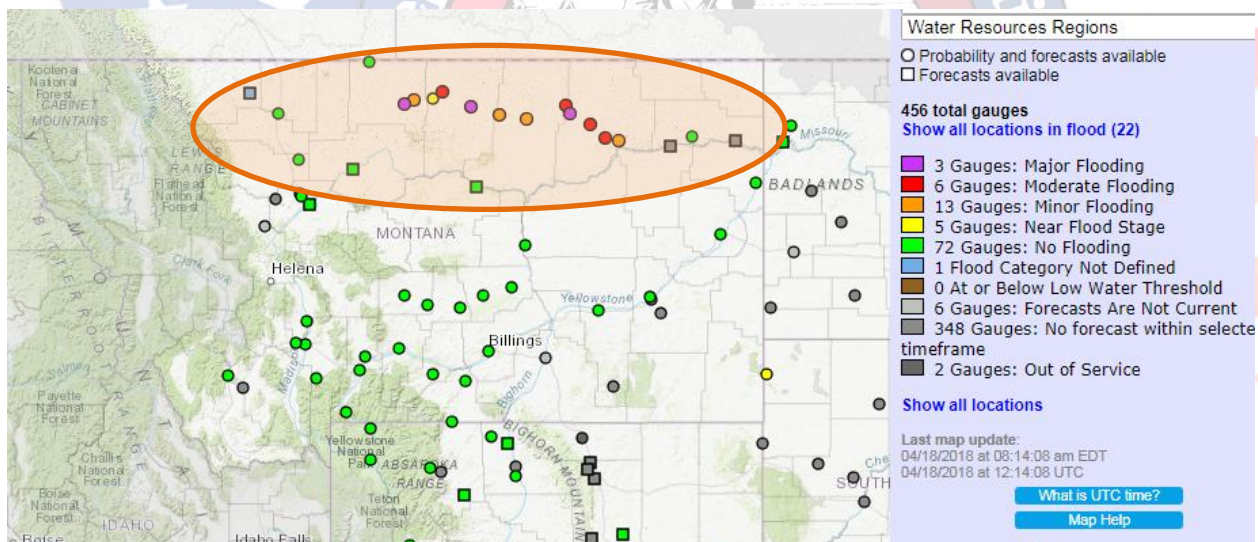
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Below are the conference call notes, along with additional information that has been received since the last conference call. Going forward, we will have a set agenda that will consist of member roll call, updates from the last conference call on any due outs, current situation updates, agency concerns/information/coordination. If you have any specific agenda items please send them by Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> to be included.

## Flood MACG April 18<sup>th</sup> Conference Call Notes

### Weather Service Overview:

National Weather Service - Great Falls sent updated flood information for Central and Eastern Montana focusing mostly on flooding and potential flooding along the hi-line



### Current River Flooding:

- Above or forecast above **MAJOR** flood stage
  - Big Sandy Creek at Havre
  - Milk River at Harlem
  - Beaver Creek at Hinsdale
- Above or forecast above **MODERATE** flood stage
  - Battle Creek near Chinook
  - Milk River at Saco
  - Milk River at Tampico
  - Milk River at Glasgow
- Above or forecast above **MINOR** flood stage

- Milk River at Havre
- Milk River at Dodson
- Milk River at Malta
- Milk River at Nashua

National Weather Service - Missoula reported that with cooler temperatures on the Western side of the state that the snow melt has not had a significant impact on stream levels at this time. With expected warmer than normal temperature levels and precipitation on the decline for the next week they are not predicting much of an impact until May.

### **Declarations:**

Local Declarations: MT DES has received either verbal or written declarations from the following counties and tribes: Fort Belknap Indian Reservation, Pondera, Hill, Blaine, Valley, Toole, Liberty, and Petroleum for flooding.

State Declaration: MT DES is requesting an Executive Order through the Governor's Office declaring a State of Emergency due to the rapid snowmelt effecting the Milk River Basin, Marias River Basin, with potential to cause widespread damage to farmland, private residences, and critical infrastructure.

### **Resource Requests:**

- Valley County requested a Gator Pump from USACE-Fort Peck Dam.
  - This request requires a State Declaration and letter from the Governor before it can be filled
- Ft. Belknap direct request to USACE for 25,00 sandbags to protect water intake and critical infrastructure
- Blackfeet and Crow have received/requested sandbags as direct support from USACE and BIA

### **Agency Updates**

#### **USACE**

- Request for sandbags and support must be for Public Critical Infrastructure protection.
- Must have an State Declaration and letter from the Governor authorizing USACE assistance

#### **MT DES**

- MT DES and DNRC joint letter for Commissioners and Mayors/City Officials will be sent through MACO and League of Cities and Towns providing information and tips for flood preparedness, response, and recovery. This has been distributed for comment to State and Local partners and will be distributed this week
- MT DES is working on an All Hazard webpage that will work for Flood, Fire, Severe Storms, etc. The site is not to duplicate work but to direct the public to information without having to navigate multiple websites. Please provide any links or information that would be relevant for the public for preparedness, response, and recovery due to a flooding event. MT DES is working on establishing the site the week. Please send information to [mtdesplans@mt.gov](mailto:mtdesplans@mt.gov).
- MT DES is working on collecting deployment rosters and cost rates for the four Type 3 Incident Management Teams – SW Montana (Missoula), County Assist Team (DNRC), Gallatin (Bozeman), South Eastern IMT (Red Lodge). Missoula has submitted the information and will be utilized as the first priority for response if requested. MT DES is working with the teams with an understanding that deployments will be based on the local jurisdictions need (ie 2 or 3 individuals versus a full team).

#### **MDT**

- Current road conditions can be found at <http://roadreport.mdt.mt.gov/travinfomobile/>
- Multiple State and County Roads reporting water on the road way. No State Highway Road closures at this time. Reduced speed and caution while driving in these areas is recommended.

#### **DNRC – Floodplain Program**

- DNRC is working with USGS on an agreement to utilize USGS services and resources to capture critical flood information for community recovery efforts
  - MT DES/DNRC - Reviewing to see how reimbursement may work for USGS under a State Declaration, if allowable, etc.

- USGS and FEMA R8 researching to see how this may work under Mission Assignments under a Presidential Declaration
- Flood Coordination Call with local floodplain administrators on 4/13
- Continuing to work on DNRC Floodplain Website for various audiences (<http://floodplain.mt.gov/disaster-and-recovery> and <http://tiny.cc/mtfloodprep>)
- Montana Floodplain Newsletter was sent and posted on 4/18/18 at <http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/water/operations/floodplain-management/news/2018AprilNewsletter.pdf>
- Flood Preparedness Digital Ad developed and running on Google from 4/1 – 6/1
- Flood Preparedness Commercial developed and ran in all seven major Montana markets for two weeks in April (<https://youtu.be/3eszP-yA2t4>)

#### DNRC- DAM Safety Program

- Developed a one page bulletin concerning flooding and dams, sent to all non-federal dam owners and water users.

#### Other Topics

- Public Service Announcements: If you have ideas or there are needs for Governor's Office PSA's please send information to [mtdesplans@mt.gov](mailto:mtdesplans@mt.gov).
- Donations Management: DPHHS website can go be activated fairly quickly once the need has been determined.

Next call will be Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM. Call number is 1-888-447-7153.

If you have updates or information for the MAC Group, please send to [mtdesplans@mt.gov](mailto:mtdesplans@mt.gov). For any time sensitive or critical operational information please contact the MT DES Duty Officer at 406-324-4777 or at [mtdes@mt.gov](mailto:mtdes@mt.gov).

